

REMARKS

Election/Restrictions

The Examiner has requisitioned that the applicant elect a sub-species of the claimed invention from R-I: claims 1-8, 11-13, 15-18, 21-25 and 27-31 drawn to an automated kiosk classified in class 312, subclass 7.2 and R-II: claims 19-20 drawn to a method of modifying/constructing a kiosk, classified in class 312, subclass 352.

The Examiner has requisitioned the applicant to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims can be restricted if no generic claims are finally held to be allowable. The Examiner has stated that these two inventions are different because the process for using the product as claimed can be practiced with another materially different product, such as a CPU housing, wherein a side panel of the housing is removed, a strut or brace member within the housing is removed or repositioned, and a new component is installed.

The Examiner has requisitioned the identification of the Group that is elected. In response, if no generic claims are finally held to be allowable, applicant elects Group RI.

Applicant has also amended the application to include new claims 32 and 33. Claims 32 and 33 are based on claims 19 and 20 but limited to the product claimed in claim 1. No new matter is added. Claims 32 and 33 are supported by claims 19 and 20 and claim 1.

Applicant submits that claims 32 and 33 should be considered part of invention RI because the process for using the product as claimed is limited to the product of claim 1 since the language defining the product of claim 1 has been incorporated into claims 32 and 33.

The applicant reserves the right to argue that non-elected claims are generic, pending the issuance of a substantive Office Action. The applicant also reserves the right to file withdrawn claims in a divisional application at a later date.

It is respectfully submitted that the present election and identification of claims is a complete response to all outstanding issues. If anything further is required, please contact the undersigned.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David J. Heller', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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